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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR  
MEASURING DECAY IN INTENSITY OF  
ELECTROMAGNETIC RADIATION IN  
MULTIPASS SPECTROMETRY

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace claims 3-4, 8, and 10-19 with the following:

3. (Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1 wherein said partially-reflective means comprises a plurality of discrete partially-reflective elements.

4. (Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1 wherein said partially-reflective means comprises at least one partially-reflective element, the or each said

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